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Evelio Duque Miyar

INSPECTOR RALPH J. MILES: This is a closed case which was opened August 9, 1967, and assigned to SA DAVID E. HOUSER. It was supervised by SA MARION S. RAMEY and was closed on authority of Relief Supervisor WILLIAM E. DUFF by memorandum to the SAC 11/17/67.

Investigation of this matter was based on information furnished to the Detroit Office, 6/26/67 by JOHN BURKMAN, a gun dealer in Northville, Michigan. BURKMAN advised that several years ago he had been in touch with JOSE CARDOSA who wanted to buy guns from BURKMAN. On 6/26/67 CARDOSA asked BURKMAN to travel to Chicago to meet his new leader and that his new group wanted to talk to BURKMAN about buying guns, as the new group is "really going to do things this time." CARDOSA obtained round trip tickets for BURKMAN to travel to Chicago 6/28/67. On 7/6 and 10/67, BURKMAN advised he travelled to Chicago as planned and was met by CARDOSA and another person, name not recalled. According to BURKMAN, the other person said "they" are well organized, much larger in number and have much money this time and that they desired to buy guns. In response to BURKMAN's question the man said they were planning a guerrilla type - commando type operation. BURKMAN assumed that the guns would be intended for use in some type of anti-CASTRO activity, but he did not feel the group planned immediate activity because he felt they had not as yet obtained any weapons. BURKMAN told CARDOSA and the unknown person they should have United States State Department clearance and that he would not assist them in obtaining guns unless such clearance had been obtained.

On 11/8/67 CARDOSA, a former PSI of Chicago, was interviewed by SA HOUSER. CARDOSA indicated that in June, 1967, he was visited by a representative of the "Duque" group in Miami (who was visiting in Chicago) regarding the obtaining of arms for the group which, the representative said, was talking about a commando type raid on the Cuban coast. CARDOSA was reluctant to reveal the name of the representative, saying this individual never actually mentioned his name, only saying that he was connected with "Duque." CARDOSA indicated he made inquiry

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in an attempt to locate arms but was unsuccessful, as all sources insisted on United States Government approval to purchase such arms. CARDOSA indicated he felt this was only an inquiry by the "Duque" group to determine whether arms were available and was not an actual attempt to purchase arms as the "Duque's" representative appeared to have no money available and left Chicago after a day or two.

None of the above facts of this matter were furnished the Bureau and Miami.

The Ejercito Cubano Anticomunista Frente Escambray (ECA) is an anti-CASTRO Cuban exile organization headed by EVELIO DUQUE MIYAR (DUQUE). CARDOSA was allegedly expelled from the ECA in 1963. During interview of CARDOSA, 11/7/62, he admitted contacting BURKMAN and that he made arrangements to obtain 1200 blasting caps on behalf of an anti-CASTRO organization in 1962.

EVELIO DUQUE MIYAR has been interviewed by the Miami Division on several occasions, the most recent being 1/19/67 concerning the ECA. DUQUE said that in the summer of 1965, officials of United States Customs seized some arms and munitions belonging to ECA. He said he had hoped to transport these arms to Cuba to help friends of his in their fight against the CASTRO Government. He felt that there would be no purpose in trying to infiltrate equipment into Cuba at the present time (1/19/67).

Miami advised 12/4/67 that OVIDIO KABA, Hialeah, Florida, visited in Chicago with LUIS EGOSCUE, a Chicago resident, 10/15/67. EGOSCUE indicated there had been a Cuban from Miami who recently visited Chicago to buy \$85,000 worth of equipment which KABA understood to mean arms and ammunition. EGOSCUE allegedly had not completed the deal because the arms might be furnished to the "black people." EGOSCUE is a business partner of JOSE SEARA. On 2/26/65 SEARA and two other persons visited the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, and indicated an interest in purchasing small arms. On 9/1/66 KABA identified SEARA as a member of the "Duque" organization.

The Bureau has indicated particular interest in any information that the arms referred to by KABA would fall into the hands of "black people" either in this country or in Cuba. Miami and Chicago are investigating to determine specific facts about efforts to secure arms for "black people."

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In view of the connection of SEARA with the "Duque" organization, there is a strong possibility that the unknown subject referred to by EGOSCUE is the same unknown subject who was in contact with CARDOSA.

Increased activities of dissident groups of Latin Americans in the United States who have attempted to overthrow regimes in Latin America by means of armed uprisings, have been of concern to the Bureau because of the attempts of these groups to secure arms and munitions in this country to carry out revolutionary aims. In addition, the Bureau has issued instructions regarding the necessity to penetrate militant anti-CASTRO groups in the United States because of violent acts which have been performed by these groups in the United States.

Chicago should immediately furnish facts of the CARDOSA matter to the Bureau and Miami in letterhead memorandum form for appropriate dissemination. The similarity of the facts in the CARDOSA matter and the KABA matter should be made clear to the Bureau and Miami. Leads should be furnished Miami to attempt to identify the unknown subject in the CARDOSA matter and to determine the current activities of the ECA.

Explanations requested.

SA HOUSER is requested to explain his delay in interview of CARDOSA, failure to furnish facts of the matter to the Bureau and Miami, with appropriate leads for Miami to identify the unknown subject and determine activities of the ECA.

SA WILLIAM E. DUFF is requested to explain why he authorized closing this matter by memorandum to the SAC without furnishing facts to the Bureau and Miami with necessary leads. In addition, SA DUFF is requested to explain why explanations were not requested of SA HOUSER for his delay in handling this matter.

Supervisor RAMEY is requested to explain his failure to detect the above cited delinquencies through his overall supervision of this matter.

Comments of SAC requested.

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DEH SA HOUSER: This case was assigned to me on 8/9/67. I was on annual leave from 8/11/67 to 8/28/67. Upon my return from leave I began immediate efforts to locate JOSE CARDOSA, who had moved from his last known address. Considerable difficulty was encountered in locating his current residence and then contacting him for interview, as he was working as a truck driver and putting in much overtime, making him unavailable for interview. He was interviewed as soon as I could locate him and the results of the interview were immediately reported. During this period I was carrying a heavy case load in the Latin American field, averaging 42 cases each month.

I was aware the anti-CASTRO group with which CARDOSA was formerly associated, the ECA, was inactive both in Chicago and in Miami from information available, and Miami was known to have coverage of this organization, which would logically make known any renewal of activity by this group. I also considered the fact that no additional information concerning renewal of activity had become known from any source during the ensuing period from the time Detroit first received the information in question. With these factors in mind, the inquiry concerned seemed less significant than if we were dealing with an active organization. These were the factors on which I based my decision to handle this matter as I did.

I now realize the significance of the information received from the Detroit Division could best be evaluated by the Bureau and Miami and that investigation to completely resolve this matter should have been initiated. I appreciate the observations of the Inspector, and his instructions will be immediately carried out. I regret my misjudgment in this instance and give every assurance that I will take every measure to diligently handle each and every matter in the future with due dispatch and thoroughness to explore to the fullest all ramifications of any fact or allegation under investigation.

WEL SA DUFF: On 11/17/67 I was relieving on the S-4 Desk in absence of the supervisor on annual leave. I recall the matter in question and remember discussing with SA HOUSER the delay in the interview, and he advised me along the same lines set forth above. I was aware of his case load, as well as the problems encountered in locating Cubans generally in Chicago, as they are all predisposed to shift jobs and residences frequently. In view of all

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these factors, I considered his reasons for the delay reasonable.

I authorized the closing of this case on a memorandum to the SAC, based upon information set forth from the interview of CARDOSA concerning the inquiry in question and being also aware of the coverage available by Miami of the group in question. I also noted that in the period from the initial receipt of this information by the Detroit Division until this time no corroborative information of any sort had been received from any source concerning this matter. Both BURKMAN and CARDOSA had agreed to provide any additional information received. I now realize that this matter should have been provided further attention and the information available furnished the Bureau and Miami. I sincerely regret my judgment concerning this case at the time was not to this effect, and I give assurance that I shall exert every effort to preclude a recurrence and shall diligently and thoroughly consider each matter in the future, insuring proper attention and handling are given.

MSR SUPERVISOR RAMEY: I appreciate the observations and instructions of the Inspector in this case and these instructions will be immediately carried out. I realize the importance of this matter and that it should have been given more expeditious and thorough handling. I assumed supervision of the S-4 Squad on 10/2/67, and I am positive that from this date to the date the case in question was closed I did not see this particular file. This case should have come up on tickler on one occasion during this period for desk review. I note that on-the-spot supervision took me away from the desk for four hours on 10/10/67, five hours on 10/31/67, three hours on 11/7/67, and three hours on 11/14/67. This supervision related to surveillances and surveys concerning the Polish and Yugoslav Consulate investigations. I was on annual leave for part of the day 10/21/67 and took two days' leave November 16 and 17, 1967. The file logically came up on tickler and was undoubtedly handled in my absence from the desk. Without question I would have taken action immediately to expedite the handling of this matter had I reviewed the case and would have seen that the case was pursued in an effort to resolve all the ramifications thereof. (u)

I most sincerely regret that this case was handled as it was and I give unequivocal assurance that such handling of a case will not be permitted in the future.

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